

# Judy Garland: A Little Woman with a Big Talent and a Big Biography

Judy Garland was one of the most iconic actresses and singers of the 20th century. Her career spanned over four decades, and she starred in some of the most beloved films of all time, including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *A Star Is Born*. Garland was also a talented singer, and she recorded some of the most popular songs of her era, including "Over the Rainbow" and "The Trolley Song."

Garland's life was as dramatic as her career. She was born in 1922 to vaudeville performers, and she began performing at a young age. She was discovered by MGM at the age of 13, and she quickly became one of the studio's most popular stars. However, Garland's life was also marked by tragedy. She struggled with drug addiction and mental illness, and she died of an accidental overdose in 1969 at the age of 47.



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## **Early Life and Career**

Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm on June 10, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Her parents, Ethel Marion Milne and Frank Avent Gumm, were vaudeville performers, and Garland began performing with them at a young age. She made her film debut in 1929, and she quickly became one of the most popular child stars in Hollywood.

In 1935, Garland signed a contract with MGM. She starred in a series of successful films for the studio, including *The Wizard of Oz* (1939), *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944), and *A Star Is Born* (1954). Garland was also a talented singer, and she recorded some of the most popular songs of her era, including "Over the Rainbow" and "The Trolley Song."

## **Personal Life**

Garland's personal life was as dramatic as her career. She married five times, and she had three children. She also struggled with drug addiction and mental illness. Garland died of an accidental overdose in 1969 at the age of 47.

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## Legacy

Judy Garland is one of the most iconic actresses and singers of the 20th century. Her films and recordings have brought joy to millions of people around the world. Garland's legacy continues to live on, and she is remembered as one of the greatest entertainers of all time.

Here are some of Garland's most famous quotes:

- "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."
- "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
- "Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken."

Garland's legacy is one of hope and inspiration. She showed the world that anything is possible if you believe in yourself.

## Filmography

- The Wizard of Oz (1939)
- Meet Me in St. Louis (1944)
- A Star Is Born (1954)
- Summer Stock (1950)
- Harvey Girls (1946)
- Ziegfeld Girl (1941)
- For Me and My Gal (1942)

- The Clock (1945)
- Easter Parade (1948)
- The Pirate (1948)
- Words and Music (1948)
- In the Good Old Summertime (1949)

## **Discography**

- Judy Garland Sings (1955)
- Judy in Love (1957)
- Judy! (1959)
- The Garland Touch (1961)
- Judy Garland at Carnegie Hall (1961)
- Judy Garland Sings Harold Arlen (1961)
- Judy Garland Sings Jerome Kern (1963)
- Judy Garland Sings Rodgers & Hart (1963)
- Judy Garland Sings Cole Porter (1964)
- Judy Garland Sings Gershwin (1964)
- Judy Garland Sings Broadway (1965)
- Judy Garland Sings Hollywood (1965)

**## Awards and Nominations**

Judy Garland won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in *A Star Is Born* (1954). She also won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy for her performance in *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944). Garland was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress four other times, for her performances in *The Wizard of Oz* (1939), *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944), *A Star Is Born* (1954), and *Judgment at Nuremberg* (1961).

Garland was also a recipient of the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement from the Golden Globe Awards in 1962.

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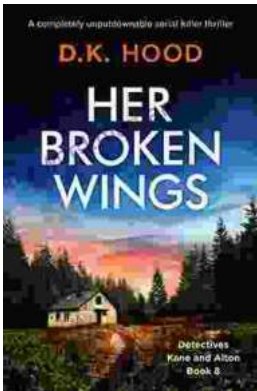
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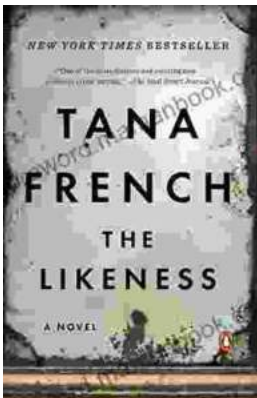
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